

*In The Claims*

1. [Currently Amended] A swing training device for baseball players ~~[[to]]~~ for teaching the proper position of the bat during the swing and assisting in overcoming swing defects, comprising, in combination:

a stand, said stand having a base and an upstanding post;

a cross bar supported on said upstanding post, said crossbar having a horizontal orientation;

a series of strategically positioned upstanding standards mounted on said cross bar, said standards circumscribing an arc, which arc defines the proper position of the bat during various parts of the swing from a start position through contact with a ball ~~as it passes over the plate.~~

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one said standard of said series of standards disposed at the rear of the batter, a second standard being located at a point midway in the batter's swing, and yet another of said standards being located at the outermost extension of a proper swing.

2. Please cancel Claim 2, without prejudice.

3. Please cancel Claim 3, without prejudice.

4. [Currently Amended] The swing training device of Claim 1, wherein each said standard is made of a soft pliable material , so as to

permit a baseball player to feel contact with said standards without altering the baseball player's swing.

5. Please cancel Claim 5, without prejudice.

6. [Currently Amended] The swing training device of Claim 1, wherein said training device includes a tee, said tee supporting a ball at the proper height and located in the plane of the batter.

7. [Currently Amended] The swing training device of Claim [[1]] 6, wherein the position of the tee is selectable to permit simulation of a ball as it would appear for both inside and outside pitches.

8. [Currently Amended] The swing training device of Claim 1, wherein the height of said series of standards is adjustable to accommodate the height of the batter.

9. Please cancel Claim 9, without prejudice.

10. [Currently Amended] The swing training device of Claim 1, wherein said standards are movable to accommodate both left and right handed batters.

11. [Currently Amended] The swing training device of Claim [[1]] 6, wherein the position of the tee relative to the batter is movable forwardly or rearwardly to accommodate the size of the batter.

12. Please cancel Claim 12, without prejudice.

Please add new Claim 13 as follows:

13. A swing training device for baseball players to assist in developing a proper swing with a bat, said swing training device including

a tee for supporting a ball;

a series of strategically positioned upstanding standards mounted on said cross bar, said standards circumscribing an arc, which arc defines the proper position of the bat during various parts of the swing from a start position through contact with said ball;

one said standard of said series of standards disposed at the rear of the batter, a second standard being located at a point midway in the batter's swing, and yet another of said standards being located at the outermost extension of a proper swing;

a rearward standard is provided, said rearward standard adapted to provide a sensual signal for a baseball player that his bat is in the proper position in preparation for receipt of a pitch;

an intermediate standard is provided, said intermediate standard being adapted to provide a baseball player with a sensual response in the event that the baseball player casts his bat outwardly beyond a proper arc of the swing;

a forward standard, said forward standard providing the baseball player with a sensual response in the event that the baseball player's pose, and accordingly, his bat, are extended beyond a proper arc of the swing;

each of said standards being so constructed as to not interfere with the swing of the bat by the baseball player, while providing a warning touch.

Please add a new Claim 14 as follows:

14. The training device for baseball players as set forth in Claim 13, wherein another standard is provided behind the ball to be hit by the baseball player, said standard being upstanding at a height which provides a sensual signal to the baseball player if the bat is too low as it approaches the ball.